

LEAP DEATH FROM FIRE INTO FLOODED STREET

Seven Dead and Ten
Missing in Panic
at Wheeling.

WHEELING, W. Va., March 16.—Frenzied by the fear of fire from an adjoining building, their homes caught in the flood, dozens of persons in the Syrian colony jumped from second story windows into the flooded streets below. A dozen jumped into their graves.

The dead:
MIKE PETRIES, thirty years old.
ALTON PETRIES, son of Mike, nine months old.
ELLAS SYMON, sr., thirty-five years old.

ELLAS SYMON, jr., son of Ellas, two years old.
BADRAY GEORGE, ten months old.
BADRAY TOBMA, five years old.
EFFIE TOBMA, three years old.
The missing are Rose Tuswie, Mrs. Peter Falli, twenty-four years old; John Fiteles, forty-five years; Philip Cushman, wife and four children, and Annie Yeshli, twenty years old.

In all cases but one the unfortunates met their death by jumping into the water. The houses are all below Twenty-second street, and near the Warwick China Plant, which burned, following an explosion at midnight.

The scene following the explosion was too horrible to describe. The poor foreigners, most of them experiencing their first flood, were huddled on the second floors, while the water, rising slowly, lapped the top of the stairs, and in some cases crept across the top floor.

Shrinking from the flood danger, and only held there by a still greater fear of deserting their scant belongings, the foreigners huddled together, and their fright can be imagined when the dead cry of "fire" was added to the terrors of the black night.

Mike Petries, with his nine-month-old baby under one arm and his cousin's two-year-old babe under the other, leaped from the second story window into the rising flood. Detective Thomas Kelly, in a skiff, pulled for the spot and reached there first. In time to pull out by the hair of the head Mr. Petries, who had followed her husband and children. The woman, frantic, is now in a hospital straitjacket. Husband and children were drowned.

Not one of the houses occupied by these people were burned, and had they remained they would have been safe. There were boats and men enough, too, to take them all out in safety, and the deaths, in all cases, were due simply to fright.

Danger Will Be Over At Cincinnati Monday

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 16.—Late this afternoon Government Forecasters said that they had declared for two or three days that the flood would reach or go beyond the sixty-five-foot stage, modified his views slightly saying:

"I now doubt whether the river will go quite to the last January high water mark, sixty-five feet and three inches, but it may. It will, however, go over sixty-three feet. By Monday night, all danger should be over, and the waters receding."

Experienced river men, who are constantly in touch by telegraph and telephone with head water conditions, have contended all along that sixty feet would not be reached. Many believe the crest of the flood will be reached before morning, but the Government observer thinks not until late tomorrow. The weather conditions are favorable for receding waters as there has been no rain for three days. At 5 o'clock this afternoon the stage was fifty-eight feet, nine inches, the rise continuing as it has for the past twelve hours at a fraction over one inch an hour.

First Death.

Passenger trains are arriving and departing on all the railroads, most of them being late, owing to crossing roadways on slow schedule. All trains excepting the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton have been compelled to abandon downtown stations for use further out. Synchons and all manner of pumps are being worked day and night in keeping water out of cellars subject to encroachment from back waters. The first death here as a result of the flood occurred today. Thomas Finn, foreman in a Pennsylvania railroad gravel pit was killed by a landslide near here. Finn had just left the hospital after recovering from injuries received in a similar way during the January flood.

On the Kentucky Side.

The Covington and Newport, Ky., conditions will not be as bad as during the January flood even should the water equal that record, for the reason that a great many persons who were forced to move during the former freshet profited by the experience, and did not move back. Otherwise conditions are about the same as during the previous visitation of the floods.

The mayors of Covington and Newport said this evening their cities are ready to render assistance to sufferers, but that comparative few requests have as yet been made. In Newport the city relief committee today placed two large barges and a number of small boats in commission to relieve or serve flood sufferers in any way feasible. School houses are being occupied by sufferers tonight. Pool rooms in Covington abandoned recently owing to prosecution by the authorities are being occupied by sufferers. Business in both cities was hurt today by reason of swollen streams, having kept farmers away.

ARWINE PERRY ARNOLD LOCATES IN NASHVILLE

Arwine Perry Arnold, formerly on the editorial staff of Washington Life, and recently associate editor of the Washington edition of Ridgways, has accepted a position on the staff of a newly organized daily newspaper at Nashville, Tenn., and leaves today to enter upon his duties. Mr. Arnold was formerly assistant secretary of the American Forestry Association and on the editorial staff of the official organ of that society, Forestry and Irrigation. He is well known in musical circles, and has been tenor soloist at various Washington churches. Mr. Arnold will make a short visit with relatives at Columbus, Ind., en route to Nashville.

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Bargains in Carpet Dept.

Famous "Popular" Carpet Sweepers; strong and perfect; make house-cleaning an easy matter; the prevailing price is \$2. For Monday..... **98c**

New Heavy China Matting; new and pretty patterns and colors; the value is 30c. Special for one day (not laid)..... **19½c**

Good and Serviceable Quality Oilcloth in three widths, 4-4, 6-4, and 8-4; all new and attractive patterns and colorings. **22½c** Special price (not laid).

All Cork Printed Linoleums (no composition filling); tile and wood effects; regular price is 75c square yard. For Monday (not laid)..... **61c**

18x36 Matting Mats; convenient for use everywhere in the house. To be closed out..... **1½c** at..... **1½c**

35x36 Matting Mats; all fine grades matting. For Monday, each..... **7½c**

18-inch Oilcloth Runner in new and desirable patterns. Special price for Monday..... **16½c** at..... **16½c**

Linens and Domestics

50 DOZEN BLEACHED BED SHEETS; SIZE 4x36; extra quality cotton; hand-ironed and durable. Special for Monday..... **35c**

BLEACHED TURKISH TOWELS; reversible; soft and serviceable; various attractive patterns; selling regularly at \$1.50. Special for Monday..... **98c** at..... **98c**

PLAIN WHITE SATIN—FINISH TABLE Damask; 28 inches wide; various attractive patterns; selling regularly at \$1.50. Special for Monday..... **19c** at..... **19c**

IMPORTED MERCERIZED DINNER NAPKINS; snow white; 18x18 inches; fine satin finish; no dressing; sell at \$1.50 dozen; reduced to..... **85c**

The Handsomest Millinery Display Washington Has Ever Known

Judging from the crowds that have filled the spacious Millinery Store early and late during the past week, the claims of the Hecht Stores to leadership in all that goes to make up the most stylish millinery are more than borne out. The many flattering compliments well repay us for the effort and energy put forth to make it the leading display in Washington. And we can say without boasting, knowing full well the best other stores offer, that the showing here is not equaled in this city. Tomorrow we place on view many new and handsome one-of-a-kind hats, in imported and American models. These specials for the day—

\$5.00 At this price we make an Opening special of Women's Handsomely Trimmed Hats in many beautiful styles and effects—all the newest and most popular shapes, all materials the best—hats that are well worth \$10 to \$15. The variety is large and the choice is practically unlimited.

\$2.98 At \$2.98 we place on sale for the Opening the hats that will later on sell at \$5 and \$7. These are all one-of-a-kind hats, in many beautiful styles and representing many of the smartest models of the season. For the Opening week only we shall make these \$5 to \$7 hats a special offering at \$2.98.

98c A special Opening offering of Women's New Chiffon Hats, in the latest mushroom shape and large and small dress hats; black and various wanted colors; these fine quality chiffon hats are properly priced at from \$2.50 to \$4; a most attractive special at 98c.

59c Large collection of Women's and Misses' Untrimmed Shapes in both fancy and rough straws; all the most-asked for colors and black; the very latest and most up-to-date shapes. These hats are values \$1 and \$1.25. An Easter special.

How About the Boys' Easter Wear?

This department is bigger and better and more helpful than ever. We've prepared lavishly for the coming season—and prices have never been so small. Special for Monday:

Boys' \$4 Double-breasted and Norfolk Suits; the double-breasted have straight pants, the Norfolk have bloomer pants. For the day's selling at..... **\$2.98**

Boys' \$6 Double-breasted and Norfolk Suits; bloomer and straight pants; extra well tailored; making a special of them..... **\$4.98**

Boys' Stylish Sailor Collar Russian Suits in neat gray effects; very desirable; regular price is \$5. We reduce them for Monday to..... **\$3.98**

Boys' Sailor Blouse and Sailor Collar Russian Suits; plain blue and red serge; also fine gray broken plaids and checks; \$5.98 the value is \$7. A special offering at..... **\$5.98**

Boys' Very Stylish All-wool Red and Tan Topcoats; brass buttons; embroidered emblem on sleeve; selling regularly at \$5. We reduced them to..... **\$3.98**

Boys' \$1.00 Bloomer Knee Pants..... **69c**

Boys' 59c Wool Knee Pants..... **39c**

Boys' 25c Blouse Waists..... **15c**

Boys' Blouses and Shirt Waists..... **49c**

Toilets for Monday

Whitehead Tooth Powder..... **5c**
Woodbury's Facial Soap..... **15c**
Packer's Tar Soap..... **12c**
Rivier's Talcum Powder..... **13c**
15c and 18c Imported Tooth Brushes..... **9c**
Walbert's Bay Rum..... **7c**
Eastman's Cold Cream..... **8c**
Eastman's Camphor Ice..... **8c**
20-Mule Team Borax; 14 pound..... **25c**
Olive Oil Castile Soap; 12-ounce bar..... **6c**
Quantity of any of above limited to each buyer.

Monday Grocery News

2c Onyx Coffee..... **13c**
Best Granulated Sugar..... **5c**
Teeley's Teas; tin boxes..... **55c**
Best Michigan Beans; large jars..... **17c**
Pears in large tumbler..... **55c**
Jolly; Conquer brand..... **75c**
Shriver's Blue Ridge Corn..... **85c**
Nanticoke Tomatoes..... **85c**
Salmon; finest quality; flat cans..... **19c**
Pineapple Chunks; 20 cans..... **125c**
Pillsbury's Best Flour; 24 lbs..... **71c**
Pure Lard; 5-pound pails..... **80c**
Small Sugar-Cured Hams..... **145c**
Pure Cider Vinegar; large bottles..... **50c**
Baking Molasses; large cans..... **75c**
Fruit Pudding; all flavors..... **75c**
Rumford's Baking Powder; 1 lb..... **23c**
Macaroni; large packages..... **75c**
Kipper Herring; large cans..... **15c**
Best Table Salt; sack..... **13c**
Pump Pudding (all prepared)..... **85c**
Fresh Columbia River Salmon..... **85c**

Leaders in Hosiery

Tomorrow we shall place on sale Capron's Fine Lace Hosiery, in black, white, and tan; very desirable quality; have never sold under 25c..... **6c**

25 dozen Infants' Black Sox, in plain and lace trim, regular made; the prevailing price is 25c; on Monday to be closed out to..... **5c**

Women's Black Lace and Lisle Hose that sell regularly at 25c. Monday's price..... **11c**

Sale of Spreads

We've secured about 250 salesmen's samples of fine White Spreads in genuine Marcellite and crocheted styles. Mussed by handling, but otherwise perfect; plain and fringed. All are fine quality. The prices at which they will be sold.

Spreads Worth Up to \$1 to Be Sold at..... **59c**

Spreads Worth Up to \$2 Going for..... **98c**

Spreads Worth Up to \$5 Sacrificed at..... **\$1.69**

Monday's Specials in the Furniture Dept.



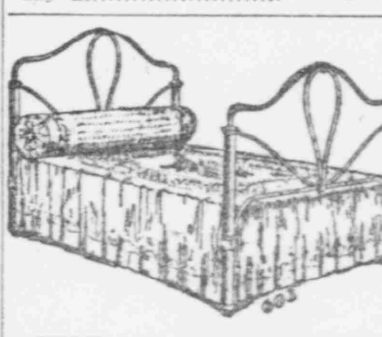
STEEL-WHEEL FOLDING GO-CART; steel pushers, 4-inch tires. Special for Monday..... **\$1.09**



HIGH-GRADE ALL-WOOD GO-CART; steel pushers, 4-inch tires. Worth \$12.50. Monday price..... **\$8.89**



LARGE ARM ROCKER WITH high back; very strong; best leatherette seat; in oak only. Value \$3.50. For Monday..... **\$1.69**



VERY STRONG ALL-METAL Bed; white enamel; all sizes; continuous post frame. For Monday, special at..... **\$1.89**



SOLID OAK CANE SEAT CHAIR; extra like illustration; medium high braced back. Positive value \$1.25. Not over 12 to a buyer at..... **83c**



WELL-MADE SOLID OAK Dresser; 36-inch square; three large drawers; 24x14 square bevel plate mirror. Special at..... **\$8.98**

Umbrellas, Gloves, Etc.

Men's and Women's Fine Union Taffeta Silk Umbrellas, 26 and 28-inch sizes; taped border; a special underprice purchase; never regularly sell under \$1.50. We shall make a bargain of them at..... **95c**

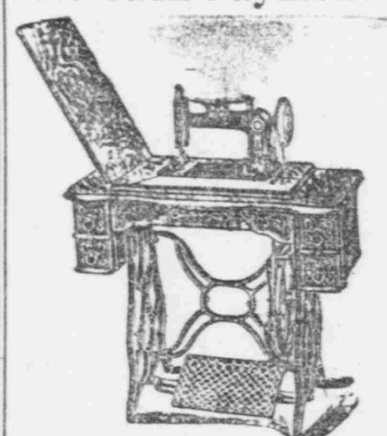
WOMEN HIGH-GRADE 20-INCH BLACK Silk Gloves; famous "L. & T." make; the price you'd pay anywhere is \$1.50. For Monday at..... **75c**

WOMEN'S MEDIUM-WEIGHT VESTS AND Pants; vests have high neck and long sleeves; pants knee length; umbrellas and lace trimmed. Special at..... **25c**

Fine Braids at 1c

A big attraction for tomorrow will be the sale of a large lot of fine Braids at 1c yard. Included are Silk and Worsted Soutache Braids, Hercules Braid, in black and colors; Silk Binding Braids, Silk Lacing Cords, and many other kinds and styles. These braids regularly sell as high as 8c and 10c yard. They are all in one big offering at..... **1c**

Sewing Machines— No Cash Payment



WE WILL SEND OUR FAMOUS Lakewood Sewing Machine on ten days' free trial, and will sell it at the lowest price and take payments of 50c weekly, and require no cash payment whatever. See exhibit and demonstration—Second floor.

Men's Negliges Almost Half!

Here's first news for negligee shirt buyers, and mighty interesting news it is. The makers of the renowned "Dauntless" shirts, one of the world's best brands of soft shirts, have sold to us 150 dozen of their most desirable new spring and summer shirts that were made up for a Western house, the order being countermanded at the last moment, owing to business complications. We GOT THEM AT NEARLY HALF WHAT THEY ARE WORTH—and put them on sale at the same saving.

These high-grade shirts include soft and fine madras, best oxfords, and fine percales; some with cuffs attached; some with cuffs detached; all sizes.

Every Shirt in the lot is worth \$1. You can buy them in the sale at 6 for \$3.50. **59c** Each..... **59c**

Easter Only Two Weeks Off— How About the Spring Suit?

ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE Sales that will take place this season, and only possible for the reason that we bought a leading New York maker's entire stock at practically our own price. It's a high-grade lot of over 1,000 new and handsome Jax Silk Suits, in both black and white; they are beautifully embroidered and have tucks front and back; short sleeves and new stock collar; extremely handsome waists and made to sell at from \$3.98 to \$5.98. A great Easter Sale special at..... **\$1.98**

NEW SPRING TOURIST COATS; 45 inches long; in gray only; black velvet collar; turn-back; these suits will sell at \$3. For the Easter sale..... **\$2.98**

RICH AND HANDSOME BLACK Taffeta Silk Waists stylishly designed with lace medallions, lace trimmings and tucks; pretty yoke effects; short sleeves; the selling price is \$5.98. For the Easter Sale, special at..... **\$2.98**

ONE OF THE SEASON'S MOST Stylish Knit Suits. It is made of fine and soft chiffron Panama in the spring weight; colors are blue, gray, and black; jacket is beautifully designed with black silk braid and ornaments; collar and sleeves trimmed with silk braid; lined with best satin; skirt is in the all-over pleated style; suits worth \$24.98. Easter sale price..... **\$16.98**

ELEGANT NEW SPRING SUITS, in the smart "Gibson" effects; in champagne, tan, gray, mixed, blue, and black chiffron Panama; with pretty fancy vest effect, made of silk braid; trimmed with fine silk braid and buttons; these suits will sell at \$3. For the Easter sale..... **\$21.98**

EXTRA QUALITY TAFFETA Silk Undershirts, in black and various wanted colors and 2-tone effects; with extra dust ruffle; all \$3.98 skirts, \$2.98 at..... **\$2.98**

Waists and Underwear Underpriced

We make for Monday one of the most exceptional Waist offers ever known at the beginning of a season. For the day we shall put on sale hundreds of styles in beautiful White Waists, embracing the season's most stylish creations. Many of these Waists are positively selling at \$1.98; few are worth under \$1.50. A very rare Monday bargain at..... **98c**

New lot of Women's Girdle Corsets; also long and short styles; spring weights; there are all sizes. These Corsets sell regularly at 75c, as every woman knows. For Monday to be priced... **39c**

Well-made Lawn Kimonos, in all sizes; extra good materials; about 25 dozen in lot; all fast colors; worth 39c. For the Easter Sale tomorrow..... **19c**

New Corset Covers in 10 pretty styles and effects; all best materials; they are selling at 69c; they are trimmed in a variety of neat and pretty designs. For Monday reduced to..... **49c**

Women's Best Quality Percale Wrappers, in all sizes; navy, gray, black, and white; made full and ample. Special for the Easter Sale..... **89c**